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Durham Police Arrest Two Men on Robbery Charges

Durham police arrested two men on robbery charges Tuesday night after a pizza deliveryman was robbed at gunpoint on East Pilot Street. The two men have also been charged with two additional armed robberies of pizza deliverymen in the past month.

Officers were dispatched to a robbery call in the 400 block of East Pilot Street at 7:41 p.m. The pizza deliveryman told officers two males wearing bandanas over the faces and armed with guns approached him as he was getting out of his vehicle to make a delivery.

The men took cash and a phone from the victim and hit the victim in the face with a gun. They fled in the victim's Nissan Cube. A description of the stolen vehicle and the two suspects was broadcast to all officers. Officer C.W. Ugolick spotted the vehicle on South Roxboro Street a short time later and attempted to stop it, but the driver sped away. Ugolick chased the vehicle on Alton Street and Dallas Street until the driver came to a dead end and crashed into a pole. The driver and passenger jumped out of the car and ran.

Officer Ugolick chased the men on foot and caught Javonta Lakeith Williams, 20, of Durham in the 200 block of West Weaver Street. K9 Officer M.D. Mues and his K9 Prinz tracked the second male to Alton Street where they found Leon Deshaun Johnson, 17, of Durham hiding in the bushes.

In addition to the car, officers recovered the victim's wallet, phone and two guns.

Williams and Johnson were both charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, felony conspiracy, larceny of a motor vehicle, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, carrying a concealed weapon and resisting, delaying and obstructing officers. Williams was also charged with possession of stolen goods and driving without a license.

This evening investigators charged Williams and Johnson with two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, one count of larceny of a motor vehicle and one count of larceny of a firearm in connection with robberies reported on October 14 and November 8 in the 400 block of East Cornwallis Road.

A man told officers he was delivering pizzas on October 14 when two males wearing bandanas over their faces robbed him at gunpoint of his vehicle and other items. On November 8, two men with guns robbed a deliveryman of a phone, cash and pizzas.

Williams was placed in Durham County Jail under a \$611,000 bond and bond for Johnson was set at \$610,000.

